

## Town of Rockland

## Sewer Commission

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Charles Heshion, Chairman Daniel Duross, Commissioner



July 28, 2023

Mr. Robert Rosa, Chairman Rockland Zoning Board of Appeals 242 Union Street Rockland, MA 02370

Dear Mr. Rosa, and Zoning Board Members;

The Applicant has not supplied drawings that indicate the regulated Rockland Reservoir Zone —Ahas been changed. The Applicant also has not provided any documentation from the MADEP on State letterhead, approving any changes to the delineation or constriction to the Rockland Reservoir Zone —A- encompassing area. The Coneco attements of such changes to the Zone —A- and claims of waiver from the terms of the Zone —A- regulation are prejudiced therefore inadmissible.

The Town of Rockland, MA Sewer Use Ordinance, February 2011, Section 2.4, New Sewers and Sewer Construction (4) (e) states;

Sewer construction in a Zone 1 of a Public Water Supply Well or a Zone –A- of a Public Surface Water Supply is prohibited except to eliminate an existing or potential pollution problem.

The Rockland Sewer Department recognizes the email from Mr. Richard Friend (MADEP) dated June 15, 2021 as the official clarification and the final delineation of the Rockland Reservoir Zone –A-. In that email Mr. Friend writes;

"A site visit on April 14, 2021 revealed that the tributaries discharge to the reservoir and therefore the Zone -A- above the reservoir are valid."

The Regulations are crystal clear and are not subject to the applicant's interpretation.

Until the applicant provides written documentation on MADEP letterhead approving the change to the Rockland Reservoir Zone -A-delineation, or written on MADEP letterhead a letter waiving the requirements of §310 CMR 20.00 and §310 CMR 15.00, the applicant is denied any further hearing(s) or a permit allowing the project to connect into the Rockland Sewer System.

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It should also go on record that The Town of Rockland Sewer System is over capacity and the Rockland Board of Sewer Commissioners will not assume the responsibility, or the potential liability for connecting any project based on the assumption that adequate capacity can be found now or in the near future to accommodate a project of this magnitude.

I would be glad to discuss this matter in open session if the Board wishes to do so.

Sincerely

Charles Heshion, Chairman

**Rockland Board of Sewer Commissioners** 

cc:

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